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LOK SABHA

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NATURAL CALAMITIES PRONE AREAS
PRABODH PANDA

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government had written to all State Governments asking them toidentify their territorial areas which were prone to natural calamities and suggesting protective measures which they should take to minimize the likely damage in case any such disaster struck;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the name of the States responded to the suggestions made and measures being taken by these States in this regard; and

(d) the steps being taken by the Union Government to pursue the matter with the remaining States?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a)to(d): It is primarily the responsibility of the State Government concerned to takepreparatory measures and provide relief to the people in the wake of natural calamities. The Central Government supplements the States` efforts by providing financial andlogistic support. The Central Government remains in close liaison with the Stateauthorities for providing necessary assistance, if needed. In the meeting of the Relief Commissioners of the States the matters connected with the preparedness and reliefmeasures are discussed. After Gujarat earthquake, the States in Seismic Zones IV andV were specifically requested to update disaster plan and response mechanism.